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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/872,314	Applicant(s) GALEN ET AL. 
Examiner Peter Szekely	Art Unit 1714

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte* Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 August 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-848) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-25, 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The instant application does not does not show the structure and or the method of making a cationic fluoroacrylate. The monomers on page 10, lines 19-28 are not cationic and it is not shown how they can be made cationic. The tradenames (Nuva ACFPM AND Nuva AGS) are not identified chemically so their mention or the "similar product" instruction are of no help. There is no mention in the specification that the copolymers are made cationic with a cationic emulsifier. Furthermore a polymer emulsified with a cationic emulsifier is not a cationic polymer. A cationic polymer has a cationic group, for example an amine group, attached chemically to the polymer backbone. Applicants are using a cationic dispersion of a fluoroacrylate copolymer, not a cationic fluoroacrylate copolymer. Cationic dispersions of fluoroacrylates are not claimed by applicants and neither cationic emulsifiers nor water can be found in the claims. The recitation of the trademarks does not define the

polymers. Furthermore the data sheets enclosed by applicants identify the products as compounds, not as polymers. The rejections are maintained.

3. Claims 1-25, 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. There is nothing in the specification to show how a polyester can be made hydrophilic or what a hydrophilic polyester is. The tradename "Cassapret SRH" is not identified chemically, so the "similar products" instruction is of no help. US Patent 3,981,807 talks about "adducts in oligomeric form", see column 3, lines 50-61, and the word hydrophilic cannot be found in the patent. Applicants' softener is an oligomeric adduct of a glycol and a hydroxyl terminated polyethylene terephthalate. Furthermore, since polyesters can be made hydrophilic by adding functional groups to the backbone, most hydrophilic polyesters would be unsuitable for applicants' purposes. Nonionic hydrophilic softener is not descriptive and the difference between "additive" and "adduct" is quite substantial. "Softeners", in general, refer to plasticizers. The rejections are maintained.

4. Claims 1-25, 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a dispersion of zirconium salt in paraffin, does not reasonably provide enablement for any inorganic additive. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in

scope with these claims. No other examples are given and the chemical composition of Cerol ZE is not disclosed, thus the "similar products" instructions are useless. Furthermore the paraffin carrier is not inorganic. Applicant is using a blend of organic and inorganic ingredients. "Inorganic additive" covers a multitude of sins and the overwhelming majority of inorganic additives would be completely useless in applicants' invention. Applicants are not claiming "a water- and oil repellant aid, comprising the emulsion of an inorganic salt". They are claiming an "inorganic additive". The rejections are maintained.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-25, 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. The term "near ambient temperature" in claims 1 and 40 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "near ambient temperature" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. There is nothing wrong with ambient temperature. However the limits of "near ambient temperature" are not known. Temperatures experienced under normal living temperatures are "ambient temperatures", not "near ambient temperatures". "Not far distant" is just as indefinite as "near". In this case, two negatives do not make a positive. The rejections are maintained.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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